

KYEMSC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 6th, 2013/ 3:00 pm/ KBEMS Offices, Versailles, KY

Type of Meeting: Regular, Scheduled

Facilitator and Recorder: Dr. Fallat and Morgan Scaggs

Core Members Present: Morgan Scaggs

Members via Video and Audio: Mary Fallat

Members via Audio only: Bari Lee Mattingly, Julia Costich, and Erika Janes

Topic: Call to Order, Roll call, Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm, roll call was completed, and quorum was not met. Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken. Approval of minutes from February 2013 is postponed until next meeting.

Discussion was held for informational purposes only and was recorded below.

Project Update from Morgan Scaggs:

Funding - KYEMSC received our initial award of grant funding with a \$20,000.00 hold back. We do anticipate a restoration of those funds later this year. We just completed the request for the carryover funds from our last budget year. The total was \$417.00 and we are hopeful this request will be approved. Dr. Fallat noted this is the lowest amount of carryover we have ever had.

National EMSC Program Managers meeting and the NASEMSO PECC - Morgan attended the meeting in early May. Regionalization of care was the primary topic of conversation during the meeting with several SPROC grantees in presenting. While there, Morgan was selected as an alternate representative from the NASEMSO PECC to the NASEMSO North Central Region Directors Council. This will entail participation in the conference calls and meetings of the Directors Council, to improve information flow between the two groups, serving as "backup" to the current representative with the longer term plan of taking over that responsibility completely.

PMAC - Both Dr. Fallat and Morgan have been separately asked to participate on the Performance Measure Advisory Council assembled by the National EMSC program and NEDARC. This will allow grantees and specific subject matter experts to have input into the next generation of performance measures. The group will meet in D.C. in early August with another meeting next year.

National Pediatric Readiness Project – thanks to everyone! KY Hospital Association, Brad Learn and staff at DPH, the KYEMSC Advisory Committee, Dr. Andrew Bernard with the TAC, physician liaisons at UK and U of L. Only 2 hospitals state-wide did not complete the assessment. Jane Todd Crawford and Blanchfield Army Community Hospital were the facilities. We will attempt some outreach to those facilities, attempting to identify barriers to assessment completion and develop our contacts. Dr. Fallat recommended sending an official letter of thanks to our partners in this project. Morgan will complete and send the letters.

DPH, HPP - Morgan met recently with the Department of Public Health, Hospital Preparedness Program. It was a good meeting, laying the foundational relationship for future collaboration. The HPP program is focusing on pediatric needs more specifically. They have 13 area coordinators that are supposed to work at least 50% on preparedness. Morgan will attend the next meeting of the Health and Medical Preparedness Advisory Committee and the Functional Access Needs Collaborative. There is overlap in what they are trying to do and our hospital performance measures. We are going to identify those areas of overlap and how we can work together to avoid duplication and achieve greater progress.

Pediatric Protocols – Dr. Julia Martin has asked for the KYEMSC Advisory Committee to work on updating the state EMS protocols. The focus will be evidence-based recommendations whenever possible. There are numerous resources available that we will want to review/reference. It is not currently mandated that all services use the state protocol but it is very widely used. There are movements toward a true state-wide protocol, and eventually a regional or national protocol may be possible.

Goals and Objectives – We do need to focus on the new grant objectives. One area to start may be Interfacility Transfer Guidelines and Agreements.

Self-reported data from 2010 and 2013 on hospitals that claim to have pediatric transfer guidelines and agreements show modest increases. In 2010 we had data for 94 hospitals and for 2013 we have 102. For PM76 (Guidelines), we went from 38% to 42% of hospitals that claim to have interfacility transfer guidelines that include the pediatric components. For PM77 (Agreements), we went from 52% to 58% of hospitals claim to have those agreements in place.

There are multiple resources available and we may wish to compare our previous template documents with the new toolkit that is now available through PedsReady. Discussion regarding possible confusion between EMSC guidelines, TAC recommendations, legal department interpretation, and self-reported data. Presentation to KHA may be a good starting point.

NPRP is still gathering data and will conclude that process in mid-August. We expect to receive our raw data very soon. We will also receive more information about how the entire survey was weighted. It will take some time to review and interpret the data in various ways.

EHB reports – We have the second of our EHB reports due soon. The report is ready in the EHB and Dr. Fallat will review. The due date is June 23rd, 2013.

Legislative

An attempt was made to improve the booster seat requirements but it was unsuccessful. It will be brought back for the next session. Current requirements are for any child less than 7 yrs. of age and/or less than 50 inches in height must use a booster seat. New legislation will ask for the national standard which would be a minimum height requirement of 57 inches. Data clearly supports this change.

General

- Review the 2013-2017 EMSC Grant Objectives for future planning.
- Begin pediatric protocol review
- Skype may be the best option for future remote meeting participation. Please set up your free personal account and look for Kentucky.ems to add to your contact list.
- KBEMS offices will move to their new location in Lexington next week. The address is 118 James Court, Suite 50, Lexington, KY 40505.

***The next meeting of the KYEMSC Advisory Committee is scheduled for August 1st, at 3:00 pm. in Versailles.